

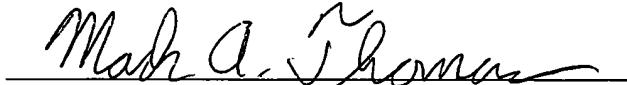
## REMARKS

The Applicant provides the following remarks for consideration in further examination of the present application.

Applicant respectfully asserts that all improper claim status identifiers have been corrected. More specifically, all withdrawn claims (1-7, 22-41 and 57-142), as the result of Applicant's election of Species II, are now identified as "(Withdrawn)" and both currently amended claims (15 and 16) are now identified as "(Currently amended)" in accordance with Patent Office policy. All remaining claims (8-14, 17-21 and 42-56) were previously and correctly marked as "(Previously presented)" and are not changed by this amendment of claim status identifiers. Therefore, in consideration of Applicant's compelling response to all outstanding substantive and formal concerns, Applicant requests an indication of allowability.

If the Examiner has any additional questions or concerns, she is encouraged to contact the Attorney of Record, Mark A. Thomas, Reg. No. 37, 953.

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